#### GOV. MORGAN EXPLAINS NEED OF U.S. TROOPS IN COAL FIELD

#### West Virginia Executive Says Attempt Was Made to "Shoot Unionism Into Districts."

In response to a request from The Star, Gov. Ephraim F. Morgan of West Virginia, has prepared a statement on the history and causes of the mining war in Wes! Virginia. The statement follows, in part:

"There has been so much written and so much said of a controversial nature concerning the attempt of union miners to invade two of the counties of West Virginia to compel unionization of non-union coal mines, and there has appeared such a great amount of criticism of West Virginia in the eastern press, based on misinformation, that I gladly avail myself of your invitation to make a statement concerning this movement and the necessity that existed for the calling of federal troops.

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Firing From Kentucky.

"Last May, two months after I had been inaugurated, the adult male residents of the tent colonies, aided by other persons living in their vicinity and in sympathy with them, crossed the Tug fiver and began an attack on the Tug first of Logan county. The condition of the first of the coal manufaced in the part of the first of the coal manufaced in the part of the coal of t

"At that time, after the joint request of the Governor of Kentucky and myself for federal intervention had, failed. I sent the state police force into that county to enforce a proclamation of martial law, which prevented unlawful assemblage and later, when the troopers were reinforced with two companies of the enrolled militia of Mingo county, enabled the authorities to control the situation. At the time the act creating the National Guard was not in effect and it was necessary to create the enrolled militia under an old statute.

ammunition and supplies, and invading private homes in search of guns.

"On the night of August 23 the armed assemblage had grown to such proportions (the number having increased to several thousand) that the officers of Kanawha county advised me they were unable to cope with the situation or disperse the insurgents, and on the following day I requested federal troops when I was advised that the insurrectionists had started toward the Logan border. I felt that federal troops were necessary because the National Guard had not yet been reorganized under a law that had been effective for less than thirty days and the state police were engaged in the enforcement of martial law in Mingo county and distributed at their stations.

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"Since the issuance of the proclamation of martial law crime has decreased in Mingo county more than 30 per cent; normal conditions are rapidly being restored.

"It was the enforcement of martial law in Mingo county that was cited as a reason for the mollisation of the armed miners of Kanawha and Boone counties. It was announced that the objective of the march was to resist martial law in Mingo county.

"The insurrections against the contitued authorities of a sovereign state in defiance of iaw at a time when the state was without a National Guard and her quota of 200 state police were engaged at other boilins in the enforcement of law.

"What were the basic causes of this revolution, this insurrection against the conties. It was announced that the objective of the march was to resist martial law in Mingo county.

"The insurrectionists exhibited their antipathy toward law enforcement officers on August 12, near Sharples, Boone county, when an armed body of sixty men held up, disarmed and robbed two state policemen.

"Attempt to Kill Policeman.

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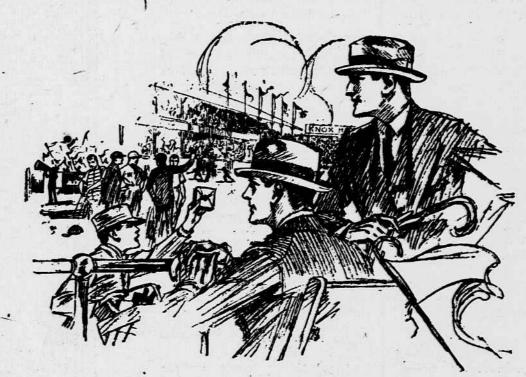
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